

2014 Clean Water Indiana Grant



The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. The financial assistance supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs.

The CWI fund is administered by the Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board. The CWI Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects through Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts. CWI also contributes critical state matching funds for Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, an initiative which utilizes federal funds to encourage landowners to conserve environmentally sensitive land.

Furthermore, the CWI Program has supported the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative which focuses on management systems approach to crop production which results in improved soil and water quality as well as profitability on Indiana cropland.

During state fiscal year 2014, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded 12 Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$724,000. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,000 per year).

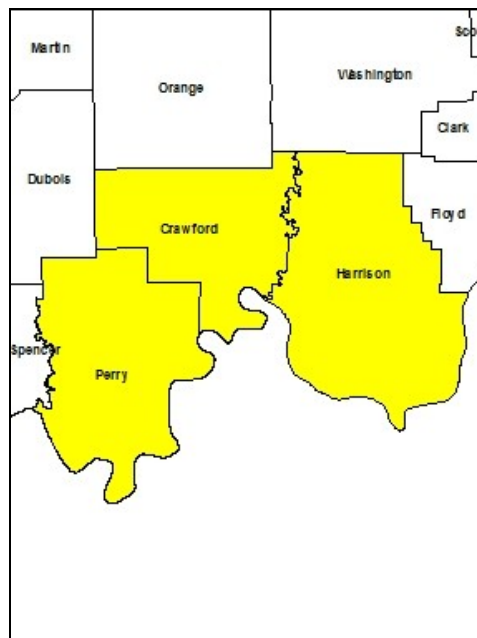
LEAD DISTRICT: PERRY
COLLABORATING DISTRICTS: CRAWFORD, HARRISON
PROJECT NAME: SUSTAINABLE LIVESTOCK
SYSTEMS INITIATIVE
PROJECT DATES: 1/1/2014-12/31/2016
PROJECT AMOUNT: \$75,000



Purpose: Promote better grazing practices

Sustainable Livestock Systems Initiative was selected because of the high ranking in the state for cattle which Harrison County is 7th, Perry 22nd and Crawford 48th. This program would promote even grazing distribution, reduce grazing pressure on sensitive areas, prevents compaction, reduces waste run-off, reduces sedimentation and promotes animal/soil health. The Sustainable Livestock Systems Initiative will provide 75% of actual cost for Heavy Use Area Protections or Livestock Watering Systems not to exceed \$1,000.00 per landowner.

The SWCD's in Crawford, Harrison and Perry Counties promote the NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) with field days /tours/ newsletters. Although some small farmers/landowners would never qualify for EQIP, the CWI funds makes it possible for them to participate in a conservation program and for those who are not are not comfortable enrolling in the federal programs. Having a CWI program can introduce landowners to conservation programs starting at a more simple level and in the future they may apply for a larger conservation program.



PARTNERS FOR THE PROJECT INCLUDE:
CRAWFORD, HARRISON, AND PERRY
COUNTY PURDUE EXTENSION OFFICES,
CRAWFORD, PERRY AND HARRISON
CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, NRCS,
LINCOLN HILLS RC&D, THE NATURE
CONSERVANCY

Partners such as Cattlemen's Association and Lincoln Hills RC&D will assist with project promotion..

Cost
Share
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